

Beyton Village News

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2025



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Dates for your Diaries 2025

Beyton Parish Council Meetings 2025

2nd September 2025

7th October 2025

Parish Council meetings

Will usually take place on the first Tuesday of the month, starting at **7.30pm** unless stated otherwise.

If you would like to make written representation rather than attending in person, please send an email or write to the Parish Clerk to be received no later than 7 days from the date of the meeting.

Meetings are open to the press and public and there is a section of the meeting where residents are invited to raise questions or make comments; although there is no requirement of the Council to answer any questions at the meeting, Councillors will take account of the balance of views expressed when they are deliberating matters during the remainder of the meeting.

KNIT & NATTER - 10am – 12 Church Vestry

Monday 4th August

Thursday 21st August

Monday 1st September

Thursday 18th September

VILLAGE WALK

Sunday 5th October 10am The Bus Shelter

BARN DANCE ON THE GREEN

Friday 22nd August 7:30pm The Marquee

BEYTON FAYRE

Saturday 23rd August 2-5pm The Green

SAFARI SUPPER

Saturday 15th November Details in the next magazine

Deadline for next edition:

Friday

19th Sept 2025

Please let us have any contributions by the above date at the latest for consideration for the next edition. Please send to: editor@beytonvillage.news
Letters welcome.

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Editor's Welcome

Welcome to another edition of the magazine.

The preparations for the Fayre are in full swing with the added excitement of a Barn Dance on Friday evening! Let's hope that the weather plays ball and we have another fun filled afternoon on the Green.

A thank you once again to all of the contributors to the magazine, your efforts are much appreciated.

Editor

Beyton Parish Council Chairman's report

Changes to the Parish Council;

Peggy Orsler, our well known and longest serving parish councillor has decided to retire after giving almost twenty years of council service to Beyton. Of course, Peggy's association with the community goes way back before her involvement in council affairs. Most of us know Peggy as the lady who welcomed us to The Bear Public House, which she owned and ran together with her husband John. If you wanted to know what was going on in the village, you simply popped into the Bear, buy a pint or two and chat to Peggy – you wouldn't miss much of the news. This apprenticeship at The Bear was ideal training for joining the parish council and she certainly used her experience and knowledge to great effect, keeping the rest of us aware of our responsibilities and our historic obligations. Her in depth knowledge of the village was invaluable.

Peggy will officially retire at the next Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 2nd September, all parishioners are welcome to come along at 7:30pm to the Church Vestry to thank Peggy, wish her well and may be even share a bit of cake with her.

Helen Preston has applied to join the Parish Council and made a presentation about herself to the members at the July meeting as to why she would like to be considered for co-option. We all agreed and subsequently she will sign the Acceptance of Office at the meeting in September.

We are however, not quite finished with staffing matters. Kerry Mason who hasn't been with us for quite as long as Peggy but has played a very active role during her time as a councillor, is moving out of Beyton and this will leave the Parish Council with another vacancy. Kerry has focussed on safety on The Green and we thank her for her valuable contribution and wish her well in her new location.

Remaining on the subject of the Green, I would like to thank the BVA members for their suggestions how to make the playing area more appealing. As a result, our clerk, Claire Usher is obtaining quotations for possible new toys and options for upgrading the current ones. We are also looking to replace the two main

noticeboards. One spinoff from this will be to remove the attraction for ad hoc notices being pinned to the bus shelter doors.

You may have noticed that the three geese have been released onto The Green, plus one gosling that hatched during the avian flu quarantine, along with two new adults purchased by the Parish Council. I would like to thank Craig and Julie Jarvis for their kindness in housing the birds and Helena Harris for feeding and watering them every day during the flu epidemic.

Planning matters:

Suffolk County Council and Mid Suffolk District Council have alerted us to Central Government's requirement to build more than fifteen thousand new homes between now and 2044.

MSDC planning department has taken an initial indicative position and apportioned numbers across each town and parish. Using this very simple approach Beyton is slated to build a total of 100 houses. Hesselton and Drinkstone both have a similar number apportioned to them. We have raised our objections to this methodology with the Mid Suffolk planning dept and reminded them that we have a strong Neighbourhood Plan. Nonetheless we must ensure that we stay ahead of the game and be ready to update our Neighbourhood Plan if necessary.

I guess that the recent heatwaves have not been everyone's cup of tea, however, I love these temperatures and hope that they hold for the Beyton Fayre – no more rain or windswept events please!

Yours,

Graham Jones *Chairman, Beyton Parish Council*

Nature Notes

As I passed a local wood the sun was shining, the birds were singing and a fox was barking in the distance. Assuming the fox found a mate we were all happy. Later in the same locality I again heard a fox barking and this time a cockerel was crowing. Not sure how that one ended.

We have Yellowhammers in the village hedgerows, at least that's what a man with a large camera told me. I passed quietly but unfortunately without sight or sound of these attractive birds.



Village Walk

The village walk on Friday 25th July was an evening one, making the most of the light. We walked from Beyton to Tostock with a welcome stop for a drink at The Gardeners Arms before heading home.

The next walk will be on Sunday 5th October starting at 10 am from the Bus Shelter on the Green.

These walks are very sociable and a great way to meet and chat to new people. Everyone is welcome including new walkers, children and dogs (on a lead). Hope to see you there.

Volleyball on The Green

I was nice to see twenty-six players enjoying a "mini" tournament held in our village on Saturday 7th June.

In total around forty people attended the fun afternoon. This local team play quite regularly here and if anyone would like to join them, please contact Scott on 07525 780904.



Beyton Fayre Weekend

The Fayre preparations are well under way and we will be dropping details of our donation collections through your door very shortly. The Fayre relies on your generosity and donations for all of the stalls are very welcome. Bric-a-brac, toys, books, bottles and plants are all welcome. If you feel able to make a cake, please drop us an email to beytonvillageassociation@gmail.com

We also have the competitions running in the produce tent - take a look at the list in the middle of the magazine. There is something for everyone, the gardeners, cooks, artists & photographers amongst you! Bring entries down to the marquee on the morning of the Fayre.

In a change to our usual format on the Friday evening we are holding a barn dance in the Marquee with a wonderful band. The White Horse will have a bar and hot snacks available.

Tickets are only £5 so tell all your friends and family and come down to the marquee for a great night out. Email beytonvillageassociation@gmail.com for tickets and payment details.

Looking to the future, once the Fayre is over, we will be planning another Safari Supper that proved to be so popular last year. More details will be published in the next magazine.

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BEYTON FAYRE

on the village green

2pm-5pm



Saturday

23rd

August 2025

BEYTON FAYRE 2025

Friday 22nd August

7.30-11.00pm Barn Dance with Skylarking Ceilidh Band.
ONLY £5.00 per person.

Book + pay for tickets in advance by emailing:
beytonvillageassociation@gmail.com with name/number of tickets.

Bar and hot snacks available to purchase.

Saturday 23rd August – THE BEYTON FAYRE!

10am–12pm Competition entries for the produce tent to be delivered to the marquee – see back page.

2pm The Fayre begins with a large assortment of traditional stalls:

Tombolas
Coconut shy
Bowling
Dog scurry
Splat the Rat
Hook the Duck
Mini Golf
Lucky Dip

3pm Traditional Children's races including Egg & Spoon and Sack races

4pm Dog Show – Don't forget to bring a dog!*

4:45pm Tug-O-War (weather permitting)
... 'Finishing with the traditional Beyton water bomb throwing competition.

Plus

Auction of promises, classic cars, police car, birds of prey, bounce fitness, petting animals, tea tent, and cake, plant and book stalls.

And **NEW** for this year: Welly Wanging and Beat the Goalie.

Please bring cash
and coins for stalls
and games

Live Music and
Bar and Barbecue
Throughout The Day

*Pet owners are reminded of the
importance of pet liability insurance*

REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

**THE FAYRE CAN'T RUN
WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT**

Someone will be calling soon to collect any donations you may have for the various stalls. We will be doing this in the evenings between Monday 4th – Thursday 7th August. Donations can be left outside your front door clearly labelled for Beyton Fayre if you prefer.

We would be very grateful if you can contribute any:

- Bottles
- Tombola & raffle prizes
- Promises for the Auction
- Toys
- Plants
- Books
- Bric a Brac

NO electrical or excessively bulky items please.

Cakes with list of ingredients (no nuts please) and plants are always welcome on the day.

Thank you very much!

AUCTION OF PROMISES

There will be an Auction of Promises containing treats, experiences and services for you to bid on from Friday evening onwards! A board will be located by the entrance to the marquee during the barn dance on Friday night and next to the PA stall throughout Saturday afternoon, where you can find out what is on offer and make your bids.

**The BVA is a non-profit organisation.
All proceeds from the fayre are used to cover the costs
of the event and any surplus is used to fund future
events and regular donations to local charities.**

BEYTON FAYRE 2025 – COMPETITION CLASSES

Entries are just 50p each and there will be certificates awarded for First, Second and Third places and Highly Commended.

ADULT CLASSES

1. 6 Homegrown Tomatoes
2. 6 Homegrown Vegetables
3. A single bloom
4. A flower arrangement
5. A jar of homemade jam
6. A jar of homemade pickle or chutney
7. A homemade alcoholic drink
8. A homemade non-alcoholic drink
9. A homemade lemon drizzle loaf
10. A handmade loaf of bread
11. 6 chocolate brownies
12. An open fruit tart
13. 6 sausage (or vegetarian alternative) rolls
14. A painting – subject 'In the garden'
15. An article made from recycled materials
16. Photograph – Beyton the Natural Environment
17. Photograph – Beyton the Built Environment

TIMINGS:
Entries 10-12pm
Tent Closed for Judging 12-2pm
Tent Open 2pm

Please do take part and
join the fun, and encourage
your friends to do so too!

ENTRY FEE
50p PER ITEM

CHILDREN'S CLASSES (UNDER 12'S)

18. 4 tasty cupcakes
19. The best decorated plant pot
20. A garden on a plate
21. Photograph – The Cutest Pet
22. Photograph – Wildlife

OPEN

23. The most naturally misshapen vegetable
24. A basket/container of items grown in the garden to represent the colours of the rainbow.



Beyton and District Motorcycle Club

Unlike some of my other articles, this is not from direct experience, but from long ago discussions and some evidence. But to begin at the beginning: This was stimulated by a discovery in the early 1960's.

As kids we often spent time rummaging in the local pits, these were unofficial landfill sites, one such was that at the back of the church, recently filled in. It was much deeper in those days and frequented by much of the village to dispose of all sorts of household and garden rubbish. At one time it contained large amounts of cork insulation from the old apple store, when Amos's orchard fell out of use.

More relevant to this article, however, was an old biscuit tin I found which, when opened, contained a number of "trinkets" including a small silver matchbox holder, a small silver cup and an enamel plaque. Despite some extensive enquiries my parents failed to find the person(s) who had dumped these.

The items which caught my imagination, while of no great value, were the cup and plaque, which were for Beyton and District Motorcycle Club.

The cup was inscribed as follows

B&D.M.C.C.
Rushbrook
1922
W. V. Aldiss

Reading this now a slight doubt has entered my mind, due to the reference to Rushbrook but presumably competitions were open to all comers. Either Mr Aldiss came from Rushbrook or the competition was held there.

Subsequent to the discovery, I learnt that my uncle, Len Cardy, had been a member of the club but unfortunately, in those days I neglected to ask him for more details, however I was pleased to give him the plaque.

I believe from another source that meetings were held on the area opposite the Bear and may have been Grass Track races, similar to Speedway, but without the cinders.

As I stated at the beginning, there is some speculation involved in this article but if it helps to preserve a little bit of history of Beyton - my job is done - for now!

Roy Crosby



It was certainly still 'all systems go' throughout July and all the way to the close of the summer term: Sports Days; Celebration Assemblies; exhibitions of examined work, including Thurston Sixth student presentations for the Extended Project Qualification; transitions days for the new students who will join us in September and 'Annie JR'!

A cast and crew of nearly 100 students took to the stage for our spectacular rendition of the classic musical, 'Annie JR'. They entertained around 1000 audience members over a four-night run, receiving glowing feedback along the way.

Head of Performing Arts, Miss Barnes-Smith said "Our young cast and crew have poured their hearts into this show. Their energy, talent, and teamwork are extraordinary. The families support the children all the way through, helping with the learning of lines, fitting of costumes, and lifts to rehearsals. Such support is essential to a successful production such as this one and makes all the difference."

To share the commitment and work involved for the lead role, we had 2 'Annies'; Caitlin and Ellie both of whom are 13 years of age. In their own words they have said "Our time performing in 'Annie JR' was an unforgettable experience, filled with lots of excitement and challenges. We both played the role of Annie and were so pleased to be able to work together along with such an amazing cast! We are grateful to our teachers for giving us such an amazing opportunity. To get into character we had to really become that strong independent person Annie is.

This experience has taught us so much and really helped us develop our sense of teamwork and helped us strengthen our acting skills. We will really miss the strong bond the cast shared and all the friends we both made along the way".

As a 'heads up' for the next academic year, you will be pleased to hear that the whole College production will be 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', which takes to the stage in March 2026. Keep an eye on Thurston Community College social media for more information next academic year.



The Academic Year 2024-2025 has been a very busy one for Thurston Community College, both at the Thurston Campus and at the Sixth Form - Beyton Campus.

Overseas and residential visits have taken place for all year groups in the school, ranging from Panama, Thailand and France, including the Ardeche, Paris and the Somme, to Devon, Norfolk and closer to home in Suffolk, some of which have been part of Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions. These enrich the educational experience and allow students to encounter other cultures and new experiences.

There are also a wide range of enrichment opportunities open to students during the school day with multiple educational day visits, extra-curricular clubs, sporting fixtures and productions to showcase talents in Dance, Drama and Music. In addition, the College continues to offer a full programme for students to take on leadership roles, to represent their peers and contribute to whole school recommendations. We are very lucky to have staff at the College who are willing to give generously of their time to support all of these activities. Students and staff working together on a common venture is one of the many strengths of the College.

This is all in addition to the usual day to day work in school with students attending lessons and making excellent progress across the curriculum. We are always delighted to welcome visitors to the school and those who come on a tour enjoy seeing the range of tasks our students undertake in their lessons.

Summer 2025 saw the return of Work Experience for over 270 students in Year 10 (aged 15 to 16), followed by Year 12 (aged 17 to 18) later in the term. The students all benefited from their contact with local employers and those further afield, we would like to thank all local businesses who hosted our students this year.

However, even before the end of this academic year, we begin to look ahead to September and the start of the new Academic Year. In June we were hosts to nearly 100 students who attended our Thurston Sixth Form Induction Day. In July we welcomed over 300 students who will join us to become our new Year 7 (aged 11).

We wish everyone in our community a restful summer break and look forward to sharing experiences again in the new Academic Year and welcoming members of the local community to the College.

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Knit and Natter

Do you fancy spending a sociable morning with coffee, tea and a chat?

Our friendly Knit & Natter mornings take place in Beyton Church Vestry from 10am to 12 midday, normally on the first Monday of each month. However, by popular request, we have been trialling additional midweek meetings which have proved popular and now intend to meet on the first Monday of the month and the third Thursday of the month

No need to book, just come along. Bring any yarn or craft project along with you or just come for a chat!

Knit & Natter mornings coming up on:

Monday 4th August

Thursday 21st August

Monday 1st September

Thursday 18th September

For more information, please contact:

Debbie on 01359 271314



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Opening hrs: Mon-Fri 7.30am-6pm,
Sat 9am-12.30, Sun 9am-12

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Pubs Restaurants

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The White Horse Tel 01359 270324



BEYTON VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

BARN DANCE

In the marquee on THE GREEN

Friday 22nd August
7.30 – 11.00PM

With the
SKYLARKING CEILIDH BAND

ONLY £5.00 PER PERSON

Advance booking of tickets
recommended to avoid disappointment
EVENT LIMITED TO 100 PEOPLE

TICKETS MAY BE AVAILABLE ON THE
NIGHT IF NOT SOLD OUT.

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With name/number of tickets

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